



## **Utility Deposit Waiver Program**

## What is the Utility Deposit Waiver Program?

The Utility Deposit Waiver Program (UDWP) is a combined effort of the Fort Bragg Command, the Housing Office, and Fort Bragg Federal Credit Union (FBFCU) to help soldiers waive utility deposits by having the deposits guaranteed by FBFCU. Participants entering the UDWP must visit both FBFCU and the Housing Office, located at the Solider Support Center, Fort Bragg, NC.

## **Eligibility Requirements**

- Must be an active duty soldier stationed at Fort Bragg
- Must be an FBFCU primary account holder
- Must be eligible for BAH

# **Electric Companies**

The following companies currently participate in the UDWP:

- Lumbee River
- PWC
- South River EMC
- Central EMC

### **Required Documents**

You need to provide at least **one document** from each of the following categories:

- 1. Proof that you are currently stationed at Fort Bragg:
  - Orders to Fort Bragg\*
  - DA 4187
- 2. Proof of BAH:
  - Rank (E6 and above)
  - LES
  - Orders showing that you have Dependents
  - Original Marriage Certificate
  - Certificate of Non-Availability (CNA)\*\*
- 3. Proof of lease/purchase of property:
  - Signed lease
  - Signed Closing Disclosure
  - Signed Deed of Trust
  - Signed Alta Settlement Statement
- 4. Military ID & Driver's License

Spouses of Active Duty soldiers must have their original Power of Attorney if applying for a Utility Deposit Waiver under the Active Duty soldier's name.

#### Cost

If you are currently a member of FBFCU:

• \$15.00 – Non-refundable fee. If you are

Joining as a new member:

- \$25.00 Required, refundable minimum deposit.
- \$20.00 Non-refundable fee.

Lumbee River and Central EMC are co-ops and may bill up to \$10.00 for a membership fee on your first utility bill.

#### **Connect and Disconnect**

#### TO CONNECT

- 1. Set up an account with your utility company.
- 2. Bring the required documents for the UDWP to the FBFCU office located in the Soldier Support Center.
- 3. Sign the Utility Waiver agreement.
- 4. Bring the complete Utility Waiver agreement to the Housing Office to be faxed to your utility company.

### TO DISCONNECT

- 1. Contact the utility company with a disconnect date and request an estimated final bill.
- 2. Pay your estimated final bill and bring proof of payment to the FBFCU office, located in the Soldier Support Center, in order to be cleared from the UDWP.

PLEASE NOTE: The estimated final bill may not be the final amount due. The UDWP is not a bill paying service. You are responsible for paying the final utility bill after your disconnect date.

# **Responsibilities and Disclosures**

The UDWP is an 18-month agreement which is subject to credit approval. You are responsible for paying your utility bills, this is not a bill paying service. If you fail to pay or are late making a payment while enrolled in UDWP, you will be automatically removed from the program and are ineligible to re-enroll. You will reimburse FBFCU for any payments made on your behalf. Such payments may be transferred from your account by FBFCU. If removed from the UDWP, the utility company may charge you the original security deposit amount in order to restore your service. If FBFCU incurs any debt on your behalf, Fort Bragg Command or future duty stations will be contacted and appropriate action will be taken to collect delinquent payments. FBFCU, the Fort Bragg Housing Office, and the Fort Bragg Command will not assist with any dispute involving you and your utility company.

<sup>\*</sup>If your orders to Fort Bragg are older than 3 years, please bring your re-enlistment orders as well.

<sup>\*\*</sup>A Certificate of Non-Availability (CNA) must be provided if you are receiving only partial BAH.